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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, BELGRADE

1. AT PORTUGUESE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION TODAY, I EFFUSIVELY CONGRATULATED PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR AND HE FAVORED ME WITH OSTENTATIOUS EMBRACE AND KISS ON BOTH CHEEKS. CUBAN AMBASSADOR HAVING OBSERVED THIS MUTTERED DARKLY IN FRONT OF US MILITARY ATTACHES THAT CIA IS EVERYWHERE (REFERRING TO ELECTIONS).

2. UPON LEAVING RECEPTION CUBAN AMBASSADOR THREW TANTRUM UPON OBSERVING THAT MY CAR WAS PARKED CLOSE TO ENTRANCE (NOT BLOCKING ANYONE BUT JUST IN GOOD POSITION). HE SCREAMED AND YELLED AT MY DRIVER TELLING HIM TO MOVE THAT IT WAS INTOLERABLE THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S CAR SHOULD BE IN SUCH AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. MY DRIVER, NOT UNDERSTANDING SPANISH, WAS COMPLETELY MYSTIFIED. CROWN OF ONLOOKERS INCLUDED DEPUTY CHIEF OF YUGOSLAV PROTOCOL VILUS. DRIVER EVENTUALLY MOVED THE CAR (TO MY SUBSEQUENT DISPLEASURE). MY NAVAL ATTACHE'S DRIVER ASKED LOUDLY WHY CUBAN AMBASSADOR WAS BEHAVING LIKE A CRAZY MAN AND DELIVERED SOME CHOICE SERBIAN PHRASES, WHEREUPON

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ADVISED THAT HIS LANGUAGE

COULD NET HIM 15-DAY JAIL SENTENCE. WE WILL MAKE AN
APPROPRIATE PROTEST AT FONOFF. SILBERMAN

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